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GLENDALE COUNCILMEMBER SAM CHAVIRA SPOTLIGHTS THE WEST VALLEY'S DESERT DIAMOND CASINO ON "Glendale Today"

Also Profiles Casino History and
Community Impact



Pictured from Left: Councilmember Chavira, Vice-Chairman Veron Jose and Andy Asselin, CEO

Councilmember Chavira also gives viewers some insight into the Tohono O'odham Nation and how the casino came to be built in Glendale. Viewers also get a tour of the casino development and learn about future plans for a hotel and conference/entertainment center. Here's a [sneak peek](#) at the show.

The new program begins airing Feb.12 at 8 p.m. "Glendale Today" is produced by staff from the city-owned TV station Glendale 11. The show will air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library at www.glendaleaz.com/video and exclusive segments can be found on the city's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11. For more information about the new TV show, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

We Need Your Input!



Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library -

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale. The [Library Advisory Board](#) is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You

can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services. [Details](#)

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

THE FIVE15 GALLERY ARTIST COLLECTIVE EXHIBIT COMES TO GALLERY GLENDALE WESTGATE -

GLENDALE, Ariz. -Members of the Five15 Arts Gallery, one of Roosevelt Row District's long established artist collectives, will hold a special satellite exhibit at Gallery Glendale at Westgate during February, located inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

Artists include Samuel Dahl, Anne Howey-Falvey, Hallie Mueller, Michelle Terry-Helmick and Joan C. Thompson. The exhibit will showcase new and existing works, featuring both traditional and experimental techniques in painting, drawing, printmaking, and mixed media. Artwork will be available for sale.

The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy wine and light refreshments at the opening reception on Friday, Feb. 5, 6 - 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in February during regular gallery hours, Feb. 5-27, 6 - 9 p.m.

About the artists:

* Sam Dahl, MFA, was born in Germany, but has lived in America since 1985. He has been painting, drawing and building since age eight. In 2010, after receiving a degree in painting, he embarked on a new life in Phoenix, where he could be affected by a new terrain, teach young people how to realize their own talent with image-making, and make ever new bodies of work. His work is on shaped, non-rectangular wood panel, and his media include oil paint, ink, graphite, and charcoal.

* Hallie Mueller originally comes from New England where she received her education in Connecticut and Maine. Since moving west, Hallie has been fascinated with imagery accumulated from travels across different landscapes. Her work deals with layering and the way visual ambiguity, specifically overlap and transparency, captures emotional memory.

* Michelle Terry-Helmick is a native of the Southwest and comes from a family of artists and makers. She is self-taught. Using a variety of media including drawing, mixed media painting and sculpture, her styles range from photorealism to abstract. Experimentation with texture, form, color, capturing personality and an empathy for her subjects, whether human or still life, is the focus of her works.

* Joan C. Thompson MA MFA, has made prints, paintings and mixed media artwork her lifelong. A past high school/college art instructor, her focus has been on process, meaning and message. Color, design and form and an abiding love of midcentury modern are recent appearances in her work.

Participating artists will be available during gallery hours to discuss their work. To learn more about the artists and their techniques, visit <http://www.five15arts.com>.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria.

The gallery is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Glendale Public Art Program Manager, at 623-930-3557 or at Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale>.

Free Classes At Velma Teague Library -

January - March, Mondays - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: (City-Wide) - Citizenship Classes: Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this free, ten-week class will teach the fundamentals of United States Politics, Government, and History included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. The classes will be held on January 11 & 18; February 1, 8, 22 and 29; and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Velma Teague Library. They are free and open to the general public. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Mike Beck at 930-3546.

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' -

GLENDAL, Ariz. - The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs Feb. 1 through March 31, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan -

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants YOUR input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

Please visit www.glendaleaztmp.com and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale.

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes-vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link-and Thank You for your input!!

Glendale Gears up for 10th Annual Glendale Serve Day Feb. 20 Volunteers Wanted!

GLENDAL, Ariz. - Remember all those New Year's resolutions you made? Here's an opportunity to make good on some of them and get 2016 off to a great start! Glendale Neighborhood Services is recruiting volunteers to participate in the city's 10th Annual Serve Day, slated for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Groups, organizations and individuals can participate by choosing among multiple community service volunteer projects scheduled at locations throughout the city. Community service projects include picking fruit in the park, a nature trail clean up, neighborhood beautification activities or refurbishing library chairs and outdoor benches in and around historic downtown Glendale.

"One of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you can have is working together with your neighbors and friends," said Mayor Jerry Weiers. "Participating in Serve Day is an opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need. For the city, Serve Day is an opportunity to address projects that may not be possible without volunteer support. Everyone's a winner when you team up to help your community."

2016 Serve Day Volunteer Projects - Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016:

Fruit picking at Sahuaro Ranch Park Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. All fruit will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

Refurbishing Downtown Teakwood Benches Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Skunk Creek Linear Park Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Nature Trail Litter Patrol at Thunderbird Paseo Park Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on 59th Avenue just south of Thunderbird Road.

Xeriscape Garden Workday at Glendale Main Library Volunteers will help with weeding, raking and garden maintenance, meeting at 8 a.m. in front of the library at 5959 W. Brown St.

Refinishing Wooden Benches and Youth Chairs at Velma Teague Library Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Registration is required. For more information about other service projects or to volunteer for Glendale's 10th Annual Serve Day, contact Michelle Yates with Glendale Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2663 or at myates@glendaleaz.com.

ARIZONA HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN TO HOLD BUDGET CONVERSATION IN GLENDALE -

Representative Justin Olson, Chairman of the Arizona House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, will host five town hall forums for the public to learn about budget proposals and offer their input on what they would like to see from the Arizona State Legislature. We are excited to announce that one of these forums will be held in Glendale. We encourage the public to attend to learn more about the state budget and to offer their feedback on proposed state spending.

The Glendale forum will be held on Saturday, February 20th at 1pm in the Glendale City Council Chambers.

Topics at the forum will include current budget proposals, a recent history of the state's budget and an invitation to all attendees to offer their views and budget recommendations.

The hearings will be broadcast online and live streamed via social media when available.

For additional information, please contact Representative Olson's office at 602-926-5288.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee with a Cop Events- Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Gateway West Community Action Team: Officer Jeff Horsley , 623-930-4029, Crime Prevention Specialist Tony Minjarez, 623-930-4052.

- **Wednesday, February 17, 2016 6:00pm**
Ranch Market
6730 W. Camelback Rd.

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